

# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Benton County**

In July 2009 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program and Licensed Social Worker Program entered into an agreed order with **Sara Ellingson** (LH00004395, LW00004036). She provided substandard care relating to a parental visitation plan by not allowing one parent to respond to comments made about her. Two years later, Ellingson made observations about the parent's conduct when she had not seen the parent during that time.

## **King County**

In July 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Iris S. Brown** (RC60088975). She was convicted of two counts of forgery, theft, robbery, attempt to elude, and possession of cocaine on more than one occasion.

In July 2009 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery entered into an agreed order with osteopath **Jack J. Calabria** (OP00000789). He failed to keep adequate records of patient care, failed to complete a comprehensive examination, prescribed large amounts of controlled substance without adequate follow up, and failed to take action when concerns arose about

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patient misuse of prescription drugs. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ashleigh M. Futrell** (NC10099613) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly transferred a patient to her wheel chair when her care plan required two people to transfer, and pulled on the patient's arm during the transfer.

In August 2009 the Medical Commission terminated the order of probation against physician **Rex N. Gentry** (MD00016448). Dr. Gentry's license is unrestricted.

In July 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Rona Vee Goudeau** (D160053142) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, and violation of the controlled substance act — possession of cocaine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Charles Huffine** (MD00013207) from part of the terms and conditions set against his license. He must continue to comply with conditions in the supplemental order.

In August 2009 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery amended the statement of charges against osteopath **Ann B. McCombs** (OP00001238). She allegedly allowed an employee, who didn't have a health care credential, to draw blood, inject patients, and perform intravenous therapies. She allegedly advertised she is board certified in pain management when she isn't actually certified.

In July 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Karl Sonnenberg** (RN00133794) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

## **Kitsap County**

In August 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Jocelyn R. Horrilleno** (VA00050553) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted drugs from her place of employment for her own use, and failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Jean Lynn Robbins** (D160032708) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of assault of a child. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

#### **Klickitat County**

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Julie Rae Tello** 

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(HC60020800). She entered into a stay/deferral agreement for criminal charges of assault — domestic violence, and criminal mischief —domestic violence.

## **Pierce County**

In May 2009 the Radiological Technologist Program granted the application of **James H. Diamond** (RT60028191) and placed conditions against his license. Terms and conditions were set against his x-ray technician license, and he must now comply with terms and conditions.

In July 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Marina L. Hradil** (PH00049495) on probation for three years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Natasha R. West** (HC00155931). She was convicted of assault — domestic violence.

#### **Spokane County**

In August 2009 the Medical Commission terminated the order of probation against physician **Karen K. Ahlstrom** (MD00039605). Dr. Ahlstrom's license is unrestricted.

In August 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Faith A. Clancy** (NC10073308) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to administer, document administration, or document wastage of hydrocodone on more than 80 occasions.

In August 2009 the Nursing Commission released licensed practical nurse **Sandra Hinrichs** (LP00046049) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Raymond P. Juidici** (NC10061462) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual relationships with two patients, and was convicted of two counts of assault — domestic violence.

In May 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Koleen C. Sorenson** (NA00159054) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of nine counts of forgery, one count of identity theft, and one count of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Thurston County**

In August 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse **John A. Cranton** (RN00121831, AP30006521) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided health care to one of his employees, and began dating the employee.

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# **Whatcom County**

In August 2009 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System entered into an agreed order with emergency medical technician **George M. St. James** (ES00131260). He injured a girlfriend during an altercation, and damaged her property.

# Yakima County

In July 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Sally S. DeLeon** (RC00040372) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used social security numbers of her client's two children to claim the children as dependents on her tax return.

In July 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Greg R. Robbins** (RC00057679) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had a sexual relationship with a client, and made inappropriate comments to her.

#### **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In May 2009 the Medical Commission released physician assistant **Roger D. Scott** (PA10003167) from terms and conditions set against his license.

**Delaware:** In July 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the licenses of licensed practical nurse and registered nurse **Gumersindo Gomez** (LP00037951, RN00114141).

**Idaho:** In July 2009 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacist **Jason Jungert** (PH00039062) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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